

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Attn: Applications

Serial No.: U.S. National Stage Application based on  
International Application PCT/GB00/02825  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination on the merits, please further amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the attached Abstract as a last page of the application. (Attachment I).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of new claims 26-31  
as follows:

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--26. A method of treating a surface by applying an antiseptically, antibioticly, fungicidally  
or bactericidally effective amount of p-menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) to the surface.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the amount is antiseptic against strains of *Staph. aureus*.

28. The method of claim 26, wherein the PMD is a crude or purified natural product.